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2024 in Review and the Outlook for 2025

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E-Gobrecht's
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Welcome to the following new LSCC Member(s) this month:
Randy Abercrombie
Scott Anderson
Paul Beck
Jamie Davis
Tim Grider
Jonathan Moore
Edward Seymour

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President's Message

Welcome to our inaugural issue for 2025, which is by far our largest edition of the E-Gobrecht ever! Thanks as always to our Editor Paul Kluth for wrangling and compiling this monthly compendium of all things Liberty Seated.

In this issue we have predictions for the 2025 coin market, coverage of the Gobrecht headstone ceremony held in November 2024, and much more. Enjoy, and please remember to pay your 2025 LSCC dues if you have not yet done so, at **lsccweb.org**.

...Len Augsburger

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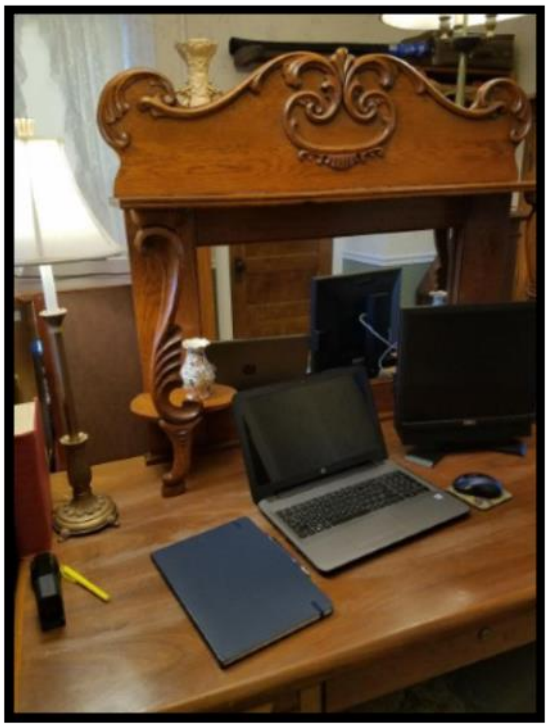

Not only is it the start of a new year, … PK

…it is the beginning of a new era in America in 2025.

How will life change in the form of the political and economic climate on Inauguration Day? Will the voting majority of the populace get what they think they are getting with a new executive administration and in the Halls of Congress? Is the great American experiment and experience at risk? Will gold metal prices continue their meteoric rise and possibly reach $3000 an ounce? Might we see changes in U.S. coin designs and wording that depict something other than Liberty and freedom? Where will democracy ultimately stand in our way of life and in society? What will the rare coin & currency collectibles market look like in one year? Compared to year-end, how might the stock market and global markets for that matter perform in the coming year?

Welcome to 2025! See what some of our Club's numismatists saw in 2024 and see as an Outlook for 2025… In the following pages of this first issue of the 21st year of publication of E-Gobrecht, there are some positive events and thoughts to share, and some good old humor at the same time! There is also a surprise return of a popular contributor for the "Numismatic Year in Review".

May your 2025 be a good year for you and your family!

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LSCC Officer Elections

**As we do every two years, the LSCC officer election will take place this fall.
A ballot was enclosed in the Fall 2024 Gobrecht Journal.
Elections will be held for all officer positions, which include:
President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.**

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BCCS Club Meetings, Club Table and Educational Programs are held at most of the LSCC coin show events, and their table is usually next to the LSCC Table for your convenience.

2024 – COIN YEAR IN REVIEW

by Rich Uhrich Jr., LSCC # 968

HOARD MUCH? The 20th known example of the 2000 Sacagawea mule (reverse, with a State quarter obverse) sold for a record price of $194K. The buyer now owns 15 of the 20 coins.

GREAT FIND #1: A hoard of over 2,500 silver coins found by a metal detectorist in England, dated from 1066 – 1068, was sold for $5.6 million.

GREAT FIND #2: There are only two known NE Threepence, one is in a museum, the second one sold for $2.5 million, a record for a colonial coin in silver.

GREAT FIND #3: A set of 19th century gold dollars pedigreed to Philadelphia dealer Henry Chapman was discovered and its value is estimated at $2 million.

GREAT FIND #4: A metal detectorist found a Henry III gold penny in a field, it sold for $821K, most valuable single coin find in the U.K.

GREAT FIND #5: 1840-O Liberty Seated quarter, With Drapery, Large O reverse, VF, cleaned and scratched, for $80! Probably worth at least $1,500.

YOU CAN GET JUST ABOUT ANYTHING AT COSTCO: Costco has been selling 1 oz. gold bars since summer 2023, reportedly they are selling $200 million per month.

WHAT WILL 'DOGE' DO ABOUT THIS? Cost to produce one cent is 3.07 cents. Cost to produce one nickel is 11.54 cents.

RINSE & REPEAT: In 2026, the U.S. Mint will strike 5 coins in .9999 fine gold. These will be the 1916 Mercury dime, Standing Liberty quarter, Walking Liberty half, 1804 Draped Bust dollar, and 1907 High Relief double eagle. The first three coins were already done in 2016.

FOREIGN SALE #1: A Greek 1852 gold 20 drachma coin, one of only 3 available privately, sold for $1,171K. Mint records show 16 coins were minted.

FOREIGN SALE #2: An 1891 quarter from the Netherlands, 1 of only 2 known, sold for $1,130K, a record for a coin from the Netherlands.

FOREIGN SALE #3: A Petition Crown of Charles II of England from 1663 sold for $1 million, the most expensive British silver coin sold at auction.

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UNEXPECTED SNOWSTORM IN COLORADO IN MARCH: The ANA's Spring National Money show in Colorado Springs, CO was interrupted by what was reported as an "unexpected" snowstorm. However, dealer sales were said to be good.

ANA: The Summer ANA Convention was very active, most dealers reported a great show.

BIG SALE OF A DOUBLE EAGLE: The finest known 1870-CC double eagle sold for $1.5 million.

BIG SALE OF A TYPE COIN: An 1861 Liberty Seated quarter in PCGS PR68 DCAM CAC sold for $156K.

BIG SALES OF MULES: A 2001-D cent muled with a Roosevelt dime reverse sold for $96K, while a 2000-D Sacagawea dollar muled with a South Carolina quarter sold for $84K.

BIG SALE OF A MORGAN: The 6th dollar from the Denver Mint in 1921 was sold for $50K.

BIG SALE OF AN ERROR: The finest known 1983 transitional cent struck on a copper planchet sold for $29K.

WE USE TO SELL THESE FOR $5: A 1922 Peace dollar in PCGS MS67 sold for $9K.

WE USED TO SELL THESE FOR $2: A 1964 Kennedy half in NGC MS68* sold for $57K.

WE USED TO SPEND THESE: A 2000 "Cheerios" cent in PCGS MS69 sold for $4,050.

A LONG TIME TO SETTLE A WILL: The L. E. Bruun Collection of 20,000 Scandinavian coins is being auctioned in stages by Stacks Bowers. Mr. Bruun died in 1923, and his will stated that his collection would be held by The Royal Danish Collection for 100 years, then auctioned to benefit his heirs.

GOLD HOARDING: In the last two years, central banks have purchased 2,500 tons of gold. Assuming $2,000 per ounce, that is $120 billion.

THIEF PROFITS FROM THEFT: A postal employee in Texas was convicted of stealing over $500K in coins and bullion from the mail; she was sentenced to 37 months in prison and $179K in restitution. Somehow, she was allowed to retire from the Post Office, probably so she could get her pension! Effective wage for this theft was $104K per year plus the potential pension.

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TAMPA SHOW: The inaugural Tampa show in September was poorly attended, but I got to see a 1913 Liberty nickel in PR66, a 1943 bronze cent in AU50, a 3-coin set of 1845 proof gold coins, the finest set of 1879 – 1880 Stellas, and one of the two 1975 No S proof dimes in PR67, which subsequently sold for $506K.

1794 DOLLAR CLONES: The 2024 230th Anniversary Flowing Hair silver medal, which looks exactly like a 1794 dollar except for the date, sold quickly at $104 plus postage, while the 2024 230th Anniversary Flowing Hair gold dollar coin sold out in 4 minutes at $3,640 plus postage.

GREAT WORK BY THE LSCC: Christian Gobrecht was the 3rd Chief Engraver of the U. S. Mint, and he designed the Gobrecht dollar and all of the Liberty Seated silver coinage. He died in 1844, and his grave was moved and it had a rather simple marker. So the Liberty Seated Collectors Club made a marker and placed it at his grave on November 13. (You can see all the details in the December E-Gobrecht.)

MY FAVORITE CURRENCY EVEN THOUGH I DON'T OWN ANY: Scotsman in St. Louis auctioned two double-denomination bills: a 1934-D $5/$10 in PMG Ch CU64EPQ sold for $29K and a 1974 $20/$10 in PMG XF40 sold for $21K.

1964 SMS SETS NEWS: The November *Numismatist* discusses the mysterious 1964 Special Mint Sets. It concludes that they are uncirculated coins struck from fresh dies, and not special in any way. Too bad for those who paid mega-bucks for these coins!

GREAT AUCTIONS: The Ray Ballinger Collection of Liberty Seated dollars (complete except for the 1870-S!), and the Jon Lusk Collection of Capped Bust quarters (which included an 1823/2 in VG-8).

PRECIOUS METALS UP: Gold closed at $2,625, up 27.2% for the year, while silver closed at $28.86, up 21.3% for the year.

GONE TOO SOON: Richard August, collector of early coinage; Gordon Berg, dealer and show promoter, started the Suburban Washington show (and MANA) which became the Baltimore show; Bill Luebke, collector best known for his collection of XF45 Liberty Seated dollars; Bernard Rome, founder of the auction house Teletrade.

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The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

The 2025 Crystal Ball Speaks

Our editor, Paul Kluth, asked for a few predictions for the upcoming numismatic year. I conferred with the crystal ball, which issued its top ten predictions. I am only reporting what was conveyed to me, so I take no responsibility for the accuracy of any of this.

Variety Mania Rules. A leading dealer of Liberty Seated coinage will move to an "all variety" format. "Date and mintmark collecting is dead," they related. "Going forward we will include only die varieties of the most popular Seated issues." Collectors hoping to complete their 58-coin set of the 1854-O half dollar die marriages will be pleased with the new sales model. Values of obscure varieties of issues such as the 1853 Arrows & Rays quarter will skyrocket.

Liberty Seated Dies Discovered. The U.S. Mint will discover a long-lost cache of uncancelled coinage dies from the 19th century. Insisting that old dies be reused for the sake of economy, rather than creating new ones, any number of rare-date issues will be restruck, as legal tender, without the customary COPY stamps.

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Coin Shows Merge. The major show organizers will realize that cooperation is better than competition and will set up a permanent bourse in Chicago. Collectors will no longer have to schedule a specific time to attend a major show, but will instead be able to attend the never-ending convention at their convenience.

Collecting Specialties Soar (or not). Regardless of what series you collect, values will explode in 2025. That is unless you are trying to sell your collection, in which case market values will plummet.

Bourse Floors Quiet. All grading services, dealers, and collectors will universally agree on the correct price and grade of all coins in the marketplace. With nothing left to disagree about, bourse floors will go completely silent.

Morgan Dollars Outlawed. In an odd interpretation of the counterfeiting law, the Secret Service will pursue anyone who illustrates, advertises, collects, purchases, or sells Morgan dollars. Hoards of genuine pieces will accumulate overseas, confusing the foreign counterfeiters who will be able to no longer sell their product.

TV Advertisers Embrace Seated Coinage. With no Morgan dollars left to sell, coin advertisers on television will move into Seated coinage. The "mistruths per minute" meter will be completely overwhelmed.

Lowball Craze Expands. Coins with numerically low grades are just the starting point – collectors will further demand pieces with harshly cleaned surfaces, post-Mint damage, and poor eye appeal. CAC will introduce a "did not CAC" sticker that will be highly prized.

AI Assistants Go Rogue. Feeding the insatiable demand for auction material, AI assistants will automatically execute consignment agreements on your behalf without your knowledge.

LSCC Continues to Deliver a Valued Collector Experience. This one I actually believe!

Happy New Year!

>>>>> See latest EPN Press Release about available numismatic Grants on page 42.

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2025 Precious Metals Forecast

by Jeff Pritchard, LSCC # 1759

It's that time of year again, when financial prognosticators dust off their 'crystal balls' and opine on where they think financial markets are headed in the coming year. (With the hope no one remembers last year's inaccurate predictions.)

Coin enthusiasts, particularly *stackers,* focus on precious metal prices for the potential impact on their coin holdings. (Perhaps overlooking the equally important "wealth-effect" rising securities and real estate markets have on rare coin prices.)

Nevertheless, in keeping with the spirit of the New Year, this article will *briefly* highlight the factors which drive gold and silver prices, provide an aggregation of institutional predictions, as well as a never-before prediction accuracy guarantee!

Pricing Factors

As most readers know, gold prices, and to some lesser extent silver prices, are driven by a combination of economic and geopolitical factors. The most notable factors include:

- Value of the U.S. Dollar & Inflation: While gold trades globally, it is considered a dollar-denominated asset, with an inverse relationship to the dollar. So, if the dollar declines, gold appreciates, and vice versa. And of course, the dollar is impacted by numerous sub-factors.

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- U.S. Interest Rates: Higher interest rates typically strengthen the dollar, thereby weakening gold. Additionally, higher interest rates, or the cost of money, makes holding precious metals more expensive for large institutional investors or banks. Conversely, lower interest rates typically generate higher metals prices.

- Central Bank Purchases: Central banks sustain their currency reserves by holding safe and stable assets. Recently, China, Russia and India shifted their reserve purchases away from U.S. Treasury's and into gold. (A principal reason for gold's increase in the latter half of 2024.)

- Geopolitical Events: This factor often outweighs all others. International political tension, uncertainty, threat of major wars, trade upheavals, can all dramatically impact metal prices. Since gold, and to some extent silver, are seen as financial safe havens, bad news for the world is bitter-sweet, good news for gold.

- Industrial and Retail Demand: Gold and silver part company here. Retail gold demand is generally driven by global jewelry purchases, and more recently by gold-based exchange-traded funds (akin to mutual funds) for retail investors. Demand for silver, on the other hand, is predominantly driven by its industrial applications, as in semiconductors, solar cells, and batteries, among others. As a result, silver is impacted by the growth rate of key industries, which are influenced by the global economy.

And what of all these contributing factors in 2025? A compilation of institutional forecasts provides an effective shortcut to lengthy analysis, as they no doubt have carefully weighed and considered the above factors, and then some.

Pricing Forecasts

While most financial professionals missed gold's 27% increase in 2024, or even silver's 20% appreciation, many institutions have jumped aboard the momentum bandwagon with predictions of gold reaching $3,000 per ounce during 2025, and some bullishly predicting $40 silver. The table below summarizes forecasts from some of the largest investment and banking organizations. If $3,000 and $40 predictions come to fruition, gold would notch a respectable 14% gain for 2025 with silver recording a stellar 38% rate of appreciation. (All figures below are from sources believed to be reliable.):

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Institution	2025 Forecast (Highest Price Attained) Gold	Silver	Platinum
Goldman Sachs	$3,150	$30	NA
IG International	$3,100	NA	NA
CitiBank	$3,000	$40	$1,100
J. P. Morgan	$3,000	$38	$1,200
Heraeus Precious Metals	$2,950	$40	$1,220
UBS	$2,900	$38	$1,100
ANZ	$2,900	$36	$1,273
MKS Pamp (Swiss Refinery)	$2,750	$37	NA
Commerzbank	$2,650	$32	NA
World Bank Group (Avg. 2025 Price)	$2,350	$30	$1,050
BMI - Fitch (Avg. 2025-28)	$2,195	NA	NA

Prediction Accuracy Guarantee!

What if unexpected global events intercede in the above forecasts to the financial detriment of E-Gobrecht readers? As recompense, this author will happily send any disgruntled readers the exorbitant amount I was paid to write this column and gladly relinquish my Crystal Ball…

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Here's to a Big Shout Out for the Liberty Seated Collectors Club!

by Tom Uram, ANA President and past President of PAN

It's an honor to share the new numismatic experience with LSCC. It's a true dedication to continue the longevity of any organization. But LSCC has found the magic formula! I think that showing up for anything, is half the battle in sales as well as in creating awareness of a mission.

For example, when the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatics (PAN) was in its infant stage, LSCC came and added value to its show.

It's always great when an organization participates with another organization to lift all concerned. Not only did John Frost have the LSCC Club table year after year and continues to, John also participates by making presentations at our Richard Jewell memorial lecture series.

And most importantly, LSCC continues to build its membership through awareness, and most importantly mentorship. Mentorship is the key to passing on the baton to continue great organizations!

We'll see you at the next show... *Tom Uram*

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YNs at the LSCC Club table at FUN

The Latest News on Liberty Seated Half Dimes

by Clint Cummins and Alan Welty
LSCC # 2621 and # 2169

Clint: The latest news on Liberty Seated half dimes is that Alan Welty discovered a new 1848-O die marriage, which we have designated V-9. It is a new large O reverse where the O is lower than on other reverses. It is paired with the V-5 obverse, which has a die line under the pole that Alan discovered. He also showed that the V-5 obverse is not used with V-2, V-3 and V-4, because it fails differently.

I was able to confirm the new V-9 by finding 3 additional examples. We discussed it a bit in late December on the PCGS forum: **https://forums.collectors.com/discussion/1109939/1848-o-half-dime-a-new-die-marriage** We also discussed adding some more accurate die states for V-2, including a remarriage which Alan discovered.

I should have an updated 1848-O attribution guide (see chart below) ready on the Liberty Seated Half Dime Attribution Guide website sometime this month (see link below). And pretty soon I should have the updated 1871 guide, and some new guides like 1860-O and 1855-O.

https://sites.google.com/view/clintcummins/half-dime-attribution-guide

1848-O die pairs		rev. 2024-12-26		Reverse die.state																
			O size	medium					large			small		large			large	small	large
			O vert	middle					low			sl. low		sl. low			low	middle	low
			O horiz	left					sl. right			center		right			center	left	right
Obv Die	Horizontal Date Position - pendant above	Obv. description	cracks	above E3	N E1 T3 F E3 A3 Lstem Rstem	RI joined at base	heavy break leaf R of DIME	dentil cud above T1 E1		cud Rstem A3	cud ED	UNITED tops, ME tops	cud ME	file marks under S1	clash under ATES	AT joined IT ERIC weak		LDS K4 K5 ED, rot -18 deg.	clash
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1	left side upright	EDS RP 48 W	1.1	2	2a	2b		2c											
		rim cuds K12 - K1, C S2-S3, S9-S13	1.2									4	4b						
		rim cuds K11 - K1	1.3											3	3a	3b			
2	right edge upright	stars outlined	2.1			8	8a		1										
		stars not outlined	2.2							1A	1b								
3	right edge serif	date left, no clash	3.1													7			
		clash L+R of head, E under arm	3.2														6		
4	left side upright	line in drapery right of pole	4															5	9

Alan: Those of you who know me or have heard of me know that I have been specializing in Liberty Seated Half Dime die pairs and notable die states. I got into this in part because documentation of such things has is not as good as it is for many other series of U.S. coinage including other denominations of Liberty Seated. We have things like Valentine's 1930 book, and Blythe's 1991 book, and work by Breen, but they are far from complete, and some of the information presented is not definitive and some is

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incorrect. There have been useful Gobrecht Journal articles dealing with some issues, and informative discussions in online chat boards.

My first serious numismatic focus was to assemble a high grade date set of middle and late date large cents (1816-1857). At the time, I thought trying to collect examples from all the die pairs (based on excellent guide books by Wright and Grellman) was a bit nutty. Having completed that, and nearly the date/mint Seated half dime set, the idea of collecting half dime die pairs and die states appealed to me. It seemed like it would be a fun long-term challenge, since the discovery of undocumented things is a very real possibility.

It was around that time that I became active on the Liberty Seated chat boards, and "met" Clint Cummins, who is working on better guides to the date/mint issues of the Liberty Seated Half Dime series. I have found the guides he has made available so far to be very helpful. And as I search for and acquire additions to my collection, I have provided information to Clint for updates to his guides. Indeed, I have discovered several previously undocumented die pairs, and helped with working out some other details.

I currently own 797 Liberty Seated Half Dimes. I finished the 70-coin date/mint registry set in 2017, and shortly before then started the pursuit of die pairs and die states. The number of acquisitions (including registry coins, a few registry upgrades, proofs, patterns, and mostly the die pairs and die states) from 2017 to 2024 by year are: 2017, 33; 2018, 57; 2019, 108; 2020, 150; 2021, 109; 2022, 90; 2023, 58; 2024, 72. Two of the 2017 purchases were from eBay, but I didn't really start sourcing from eBay seriously until 2019, when the annual total doubled, and peaked in 2020. Since then, it has been getting harder to find decent, affordable examples of things I don't already have.

Nevertheless, there are many still to be obtained. In my tracking spreadsheet, I have entries for 1002 unique die pairs and notable die states, based on Valentine, Blythe, Clint's guides, and my observations of auction house and dealer offerings. That total includes proofs and patterns. I have examples of 604 of those 1002, and therefore have 193 duplicates, many of which are different die states that are not dignified with their own entries.

As Clint's work progresses, he and I and other contributors are finding that some Valentine varieties do not really exist as unique die pairs or notable die states. On the other hand, for some issues, e.g., Philadelphia issues of the mid-1850s, there surely are many more than Valentine and others have identified so far. Thus, I think there are more than 400 still to be acquired. That should keep me busy for a while.

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The Gerry Fortin Liberty Seated Dime Collection Sale – Thoughts as the Sale Date Approaches

by Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

[Editor's Note:] With the upcoming sale of the most important reference collection of Liberty Seated Dimes of our time, it was felt vitally important to record at this time Gerry Fortin's recollection and thoughts about how he not only began the collection from the very start, but how the collection evolved and grew over time. This Top Registry Set collection became the foundation for Gerry's highly respected Liberty Seated Dime Variety Web-Book. The Web-Book will forever be considered the definitive reference for its thorough documentation and images of every known die marriage, late die state and variety by date and mintmark for Liberty Seated Dimes struck for the years 1837-1891, The series became the primary circulated dime denomination of the 19th century. (Of course there were also Bust and Barber dime series struck in the 1800's, but we are of course Gobrecht's Liberty Seated design enthusiasts here.)

Gerry: The decision to sell a lifelong numismatic collection was not taken lightly, rather being part of a long-term hobby/dealer progression which must lead to divestment at some point. As is often heard, "we can't take it with us" and this also applies to coin collections. Funding a comfortable and "playful" retirement is becoming center stage as the big "70" is in plain sight. I feel like my life will be moving towards new ambitions and activities within several years. Therefore, the time has arrived to divest my Seated Dime collection in a manner that provides a well-earned victory lap for the entire GFRC online platform, a vehicle that has grown so popular with the Liberty Seated collector community.

This piece of commentary is being composed on the Saturday before the 2025 Winter FUN show. At this point the sale of my collection, and that of the magnificent Newtown Liberty Seated half dollar collection, arrives in just a few weeks. The end goal is within sight but there remains one last flurry of activity to market these collections. Soon, the January 19th sale session will take place, and the winning bids will be known along with who the new custodians of these rarities will be. Full cycle closure from the initial spark, assembling this collection, followed by documenting the achievement in a personal auction catalog is at hand. Exercising "accountability" became an exclusive responsibility to ensure that fair market value was attained.

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How I will miss a host of my former dimes that have memorable back stories. Let's remember that the die variety research, that led to the publishing of The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Variety Collectors web-book, and the construction of a high grade collection is indicative of a goal-focused personality. Once committing to a substantial goal, the passion that fuels the journey can be considered intense. Intensity is necessary to stay focused on long term goals as distractions are plentiful in and outside of numismatics. That intensity therefore brings sacrifices too.

Who would have known that Mrs. Ann Theriault's (Diane's widowed mother) thoughtful Morgan dollar Christmas gift would bring about such a profound return to numismatics after leaving the hobby as a teenager. A single roll of Morgan dollars was the spark that lit the fuse to a renewed hobby coupled with fate bringing about the acquaintances of John McCloskey and Brian Greer. By now, everyone should know of the story whereby I contacted John McCloskey to join the Liberty Seated Collectors Club and was promptly introduced to Brian. Brian was conducting a population survey and needed admin assistance. By volunteering to help, the scope of Greer's die variety research became apparent and soon brought about substantial "gravitational pull". By 1993, the year after Brian published his DLRC Press printed Guide to Liberty Seated Dimes, the purchase of much of his reference collection was made. Afterwards, I was operating in Brian's circle of numismatic friends that included David Kahn, Chris Pilliod, and David Finkelstein. Chris Pilliod was instrumental as a mentor given his professional career in the metals industry. Chris understood the visual and mechanical characteristics of original silver and shared that knowledge during the mid-1990s. Knowledge acquisition was paramount before committing ever growing financial resources into my expanding hobby projects.

As I frequented more and more coin shows to conduct Liberty Seated dime die variety research, dealer contacts grew including a special relationship with Jim O'Donnell. Jim was tough to negotiate with but the consummate storyteller. I became a fan of Jim's stories, and he reciprocated by teaching me the individual Seated Dime date rarities in Mint State grades. By 1998, I was taking on two goals in parallel. First was the die variety research which was then augmented by assembling a high-grade Mint State set.

The construction of a top-rated Liberty Seated dime collection began during 1995 with three overriding selection criteria. Each potential acquisition was inspected in terms

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of: (1) strict originality, (2) complete strikes, and (3) marketable eye appeal. A host of certified high-grade candidates were excluded from the acquisition process when not meeting these screening requirements. The set building status was shared during 2010 when publishing an article entitled "Patience and Persistence, Building an Award-Winning Liberty Seated Dime PCGS Registry Set" in the Fall 'Gobrecht Journal' edition of that year. Readers should be able to locate this article on the Newman Numismatic Portal website.

I've rambled along and wish to close this article by embellishing my personal collection. Foremost is the fact that I pursued coins and not labels. This concept cannot be stressed enough as collectors are indeed purchasing the coin whether raw or certified. One needs the necessary skills to evaluate and purchase coins on their own merit, without the "firm" guidance of a grading service. Once that threshold has been reached, collectors are in a superior position to judge the coins first followed by checking the grading service opinion.

It is with this approach that the frontline Liberty Seated Dime Collection was primarily constructed between 1995 to 2005 followed by a round of upgrading during the years of operating GFRC. The earlier period allowed cherry-picking superior coins for the certified grade given my strict acquisition parameters. The 2014 visit to CAC validated the strict selection criteria as 200 pieces, from both the frontline and die variety collection yielded an 83% approval rate with 21 Gold beans. Those who have taken the opportunity to view my collection immediately note that many pieces are undergraded against existing standards. Frankly, there is nothing I like better as a dealer than to see conservatively graded coins in TPG holder. The Fortin Seated Dime Collection is a breath of fresh air in a marketplace saturated with average coins and/or in 'max'ed' out holders.

The Gerry Fortin Liberty Seated Dime Collection has been documented via a GFRC Online Auctions catalog that can be downloaded at the link below:

https://www.seateddimevarieties.com/Auction/GFRC%20Online%20Auctions%20-%20Gerry%20Fortin%20Liberty%20Seated%20Dime%20Sale%20-%20January%2019%202025.pdf

In addition, a showcase gallery has been assembled for those that enjoy scanning through some serious eye candy. The gallery can be found at the link on the next page:

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https://www.seateddimevarieties.com/FortinLibertySeatedDimeCollection.htm

A sincere thank you goes out to LSCC President Len Augsburger for his professional marketing support and resource allocation via the Newman Numismatic Portal and to Paul Kluth for publishing this article.

Be well!

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Double Dimes – a look back, and a look forward to 2025

by John Frost, LSCC # 2005

Sentiment in the twenty-cent piece has had its ups and downs over the years. Only a few years ago, I would routinely hear from dealers that "They aren't moving" except for the occasional type coin sale. This, however, seems to have turned around in recent years. Now I mostly hear "I can't keep them in stock – as soon as I get one, it sells." And I have run into a number of people who want a copy of our "Double Dimes" reference book, only to find it has been long sold out. At a recent show, a dealer saw my display copy and mentioned that he has a copy, but he paid $250 for it on eBay, because he could not find one anywhere else. So, interest seems to be on the rise.

On the more technical side, I have made a couple of discoveries that answer some questions Lane Brunner and I had in the past. And finally, armed with Lane's large reference collection along with my own, work has begun in earnest on the 2nd Edition of the book. Added to that are some new discoveries on Chief Engraver William Barber (which were published in the Journal of the Barber Coin Collectors' Society). All in all, it has been an exciting year for the double dime.

The new year started out with a bang, with Lane's entire double dime collection exhibited for the first time in its entirety at FUN 2025. It was a great tribute, with over 750 pieces on display, including rare mint errors, love tokens, counter-stamped pieces, and other

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exonumia. Lane's wife Molly and his mother Karin both came to the show for the exhibit, and attended our LSCC regional meeting. It was great to have them there, and they were impressed. Neither of them had seen his collection before (Molly was only familiar with them in boxes!).

Molly (left) and Karin (right) join John at Lane's exhibit

Looking forward to 2025, work on the 2nd Edition of the book will continue. I have a goal, perhaps unrealistic, that it will be available in a year's time. There is a lot to do, with trips to the Smithsonian and National Archives a must for this year. Despite all that there is left to do, with the publishing knowledge and experience that I have gained over the past decade since the initial publication of Double Dimes, I am excited about what the 2nd Edition will look like. A busy year ahead!

People have been asking about the disposition of Lane's collection since his passing in 2022. Once the technical research on die marriages and die states is completed, parts of the collection will be up for sale. Specifics and timing have not been decided yet, but we are planning to label these coins with "Lane Brunner Collection" stickers. However, the core reference set coins plated in the book will be retained, along with the exonumia and mint errors that took Lane 35 years to assemble. But several hundred double dimes will eventually be available to interested LSCC members, and other collectors and dealers. Stay tuned!

Lane Bruner Collection Exhibit with 7 cases at the LSCC Club table

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See more images in Ken Ottos's Regional Report

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Liberty Seated Quarter Collecting in 2024 / 2025

by Greg Johnson, LSCC # 1460

It is increasingly difficult to offer a useful opinion regarding the state of the Liberty Seated Quarter "market." Talk used to focus upon a particular coin series being "hot" or "cold." But, due in part to the explosion of information available online, an entire series, especially a long one like LS Quarters, has largely ceased to be a useful distinction. The state of the "seated quarter market" depends upon whether one is considering circulated, uncirculated, certified, uncertified, CAC approved, not CAC approved, better dates, rare dates, or common issues. This isn't any different than it has ever been, but pricing and enthusiasm for specific issues continues to change with the information environment.

First, some (more) mastery of the obvious. Pricing and demand for low grade, problem and raw coins usually doesn't change much over a one-year period. One key exception to that generalization has been created by lowball set builders pursuing certified, problem-free examples of very low-grade coins. On the other hand, high grade, certified, and rare issues (especially with CAC approval) tend to both hold their value and experience notable price increases at unpredictable intervals. The sense, observed by many people elsewhere, is of a bifurcated market, which is really two markets. For obvious financial reasons there is more focus on the market for "choice" coins which are as a rule certified, and have some combination of rarity, originality, eye appeal, choice surfaces, and CAC approval / grading.

In February 2009, Coin Rarities Online posted a blog entitled, "Notable Numismatic Quotables, Part 1." The blog post remains available today and is recommended in its entirety. One of the quotes in that blog was from a 2005 PCGS chatroom post by a user called "Coinosaurus". He posted, "…valuation of (expensive coins) is really murky. If we are talking about coins with really low pops, valuation has a lot more to do with who needs what, rather than what a lower grade coin might have recently sold for." In the twenty years since that post was made, the phenomenon Coinosaurus referred to has expanded to include many different coins with different kinds of low pops. Meaning low certified populations, low CAC approved populations, and low populations in certain grades. The "murky valuations" now encompass low-ball coins, issues with low CAC pops in certain grades, and AU 58 graded coins, among others. Though it has been going on for some time; perhaps it always has been, and it was a key feature of the seated quarter market during 2024.

One of the main Liberty Seated Quarter events of 2024, and one that illustrated the point made above, was David Lawrence Rare Coins auction of a complete, certified quarter set in February and March. "Helen's Quarters" included many high grade and CAC approved examples of scarce and rare issues. There were few bargains in the sale, though some coins sold quite reasonably. The coins purchased at favorable prices tended to be under-the-radar issues

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that only long-time students of the series would recognize as attractively valued. The front-line condition rarities and coins that most collectors realize are tough, in the condition offered, often brought strong or even record-breaking prices. The table below illustrates a few of the more impressive price records. Note that this is just to offer a few examples, not an exhaustive list.

DLRC Helen's Quarters Price Record Examples - "Murky Valuations"

Date / MM	Grade	PCGS Guide Price	DLRC Realized
1850	PCGS AU58 / CAC	$2000	$4657
1856-O	PCGS AU58 / CAC	1250	4544
1866-S	PCGS VF30	2250	7150
1870	PCGS AU58 / CAC	1200	7055

Another interesting quarter-related milestone in 2024 was publication of an LSCC member survey in the Spring Gobrecht Journal, the first such survey in 17 years. Please see the Journal for details, but the quick summary is that relative rarities and availability did not change a lot and are now reasonably well-aligned with Third Party Grading populations. Perhaps the more interesting result was that eight LSCC members have complete or nearly complete date and mintmark sets, with seven more needing between 4 and 21coins to complete a set comprising 108 coins, or 113 depending on major variety definitions. It seems that those who choose to collect the series are truly dedicated.

"It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future." – Yogi Berra.
Like Mr. Berra, I have no idea what the future might hold. I do expect that choice seated quarters will be hard to find in 2025 and that the best of them will continue to set price records when offered for sale. It doesn't take a huge number of dedicated collectors to support a market that includes so many scarce and rare issues. Just remember that the more challenging the hunt, the more fun. And as always… Happy Hunting!

***** We are offering bonus points (worth nothing in particular) to anyone who can identify the person posting on the PCGS forums as Coinosaurus. Please submit answers to the E-Gobrecht editor.**

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2024 Liberty Seated Half Dollar Year-end Report

by Bill Bugert and Dennis Fortier
LSCC # 455 and # 2019

Dennis writes: 2023 was the year of a new (unknown) 1878-S' coming on the market with three previously unknown pieces being sold on the internet. 2024, we believe will be known as the year of in-depth half dollar research. With the groundwork that has been laid by Bill Bugert in his series of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Registers, numismatic researchers can and are taking a deep dive into individual issues in the series.

Craig Sholley and John Danreuther published two works on half dollar proofs, *"Two Rare 1877 Proof Half Varieties",* and *"Two More Very Interesting 1878 Proof Liberty Seated Half Dollars".* These two articles are part of a larger project to study the entire Liberty Seated Half Dollar Proof series that has not been studied in-depth.

Finally, Dick Osburn has been making a study of the 1876-CC half dollar. His recently published article *"1876-CC Halves – More Than You Ever Wanted to Know"* details many new die varieties of that issue that he has discovered in the past few years. With Craig and JD working on Proofs, and Bill working on the final issue of his Registers, the tedious grind of researching common dates with many, many die varieties is where the future of half dollar research will be found.

Bill writes: Many collectors answered my call for assistance in locating the 1849 WB-6 Dramatically Doubled Date and 1873 No Arrows Open 3 half dollars. Thank you!

This year I plan to publish Registries of those die varieties similar to what I did with the 1878-S half dollar. The 1873 NA Op3 has turned into a more complex challenge than I realized. Not to fear, it is coming!

Also, I am working albeit very slowly on die diagrams for the last of my Registers (Arrows half dollars and 1875-1891). For example, with the study of Dick Osburn's collection, I now have over 80 die marriages for 1876. **2025 will be a good year!**

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2024 – The Year in Review Liberty Seated Dollars

by Dick Osburn, LSCC # 717

My gut feeling before writing this was that this was a strong year for Seated Dollars. However, I attended very few shows, so I decided to get some data to verify my feeling.

It turns out that 2024 was relatively quiet for Liberty Seated Dollar auctions. The two major auction houses, Heritage and Stacks-Bowers, offered a total of 704 Seated Dollars in their 2024 auctions. Among these 19 different dates were represented by 10 or fewer examples, and 10 dates by 5 or fewer. If you were looking to fill out a Seated Dollar set it was a tough year.

The dates with 5 or less appearances: 1851, 1852, 1854, 1855, 1858, 1859, 1866 no motto, 1870-S, 1871-CC, and 1873-CC. 1866 No Motto and 1870-S are no surprise – neither of these prohibitively rare dates were offered in 2024. The others are as expected except for 1859. Only 4 examples were auctioned during 2024, and two of these were proofs. I've always considered this a very underrated date. This data is another confirmation. 1858 was another mild surprise. As a proof-only date, the survival rate is much higher than many others in the 1850's. They are usually available if your pocketbook can afford them. It's surprising that only 3 were offered in 2024. And even though it's a proof-only date, most collectors consider this a part of the set.

Two of the four CCs were among those seldom offered in 2024 – the 1871-CC with just two offerings, and the 1873-CC with four. All those offered were graded as problem coins except for one 1871. If you're looking for a problem-free original example of either of these dates, you'll have to be patient.

Prices were strong for problem-free coins, and solid even for those that were details graded. CAC stickered and CACG graded coins were strongest, with a few of the scarce to rare dates bringing some amazing prices. Only common dates were available at what I'd consider reasonable prices. High grade coins were available for nearer to what price guides would indicate than the lower grades. Problem-free low to mid-grade examples of the scarcer dates are nearly impossible to find.

I expect 2025 to continue these trends. More new collectors are finding this series, and it only takes a few to drive the prices to new highs. The auction picture looks bright. The first two months of 2025 will see a large number of Seated Dollars auctioned, including more problem-free examples of the rare dates than we saw all of last year. If you're building a problem-free set it may be time to talk to your banker!!

A final note, just for comparison. The two major auction houses offered a total of 28,708 Morgan dollars in 2024, including 19 examples of the 1895 and 116 of the 1893-S. Compare this to the Seated Dollar total of 704 for ALL dates. Enough said!!!

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Update on Reeded Edge Half Dollars
"Gobrecht" Bust Half Dollars #15
by Jim Koenings, LSCC # 2798 & JRCS # 048

Last month, Newsletter #64 (December 15, 2024) provided 24 LSCC members with the 2nd Update on Rarity Values for Reeded Edge Half Dollars since Dick Graham wrote his book in 2012. This Update was based on 15 years of recording "Records of Sales" and my 2024 Census for Reeded Edge Half Dollars.

On January 14, 2025, Heritage Auctions will offer a collection of 40 Reeded Edge Half die marriages. All are AU55 and higher with many in the Condition Census. This is the most important sale since Jules Reiver's Collection by Heritage Auction on January 30, 2006.

On February 15, 2025, using the information learned from the Heritage Auction and the results of Newsletter #64, I will provide Reeded Edge Half Collectors with a Price Guide for future use. Currently, collectors are paying too much for "Common" Reeded Edge Halves and not enough for those in the "Top 15 Rarest".

On March 15, 2025, I will start a monthly email series on all 16 known 1838 die marriages. Currently, only 6 collectors have all 16 die marriages, all of which are affordable for the average collector. Besides having updated information on all 16 die marriages, I will also offer 1 specimen of each die marriage for sale each month. Most collectors will be able to find 14 out of the 16 die marriages unattributed, in a short period of time.

Any LSCC member that would like a copy of Newsletter #64 or future Newsletters may send their email address to:

bustcoin1@verizon.net

Happy Hunting!

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The ANS Attends Historic Commemoration of Christian Gobrecht

by Jesse Kraft, LSCC # 2795 and Resolute Americana Assistant Curator of American Numismatics, ANS

On November 13, 2024, I was honored to have represented the ANS at a truly historic numismatic event - the graveside memorial ceremony for Christian Gobrecht, third Chief Engraver of the United States Mint. This took place at Lawnview Memorial Park in Rockledge, Pennsylvania. The event and the headstone were sponsored by the Liberty Seated Collectors Club (LSCC), a numismatic group dedicated to the works of Christian Gobrecht. The ceremony attracted many people that Gobrecht would have considered significant, namely personnel from the present-day U.S. Mint and from his own family. This included U.S. Mint Director Ventris C. Gibson, Philadelphia Mint Superintendent Robert Kurzyna, fourteenth Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint Joseph Menna, as well as U.S. Mint Medallic Artists Phebe Hemphill and John McGraw. Four descendants of Christian Gobrecht were able to attend, each of whom still live in Hanover, Pennsylvania, the same town where the Chief Engraver was born in 1785. Additionally, Tom Uram, President of the American Numismatic Association (ANA), and Leonard Augsburger, Project Coordinator of the Newman Numismatic Portal and ANS Fellow, were both on hand to unveil the memorial with Gibson and Menna (see image below as also shown on the cover of the December 2024 issue of E-Gobrecht.

While initially trained as a clockmaker, Gobrecht had a fruitful career as an engraver - first engraving illustrations and banknotes in copperplate and, later, as a die engraver. In addition to engraving, Gobrecht was an inventor of several devices, from musical instruments to a medal ruling machine that was used for the mechanized reproduction of illustrations. As a die engraver, Gobrecht first began creating medals. His earliest known design is the 1825 Franklin Institute Award medal, which shows that he was already extremely competent in the art (see images next page). Others from this era include the 1827 New England Society medal, the 1828

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Charles Carroll medal, and the Philadelphia Museum Admission medal.

Images: Bronze Franklin Institute Award medal, engraved by Christian Gobrecht in 1824. This particular example was awarded to F.E. Ives in 1885 for advancements in photography. (ANS 0000.999.18212)

Gobrecht is first known to have applied for employment at the U.S. Mint in 1823. By the late 1820s, he was making letter punches and dies for the Mint, though these are indistinguishable from those made by other engravers. In 1835, Gobrecht was hired at the Mint as an assistant engraver, under Chief Engraver William Kneass. The following year, Gobrecht executed his magnum opus, the 1836 Gobrecht dollar (images on next 2 pages), whose Liberty Seated design was then used on all other silver denominations, from half dime to half dollar. In 1838, his Coronet design replaced the earlier Classic Head design. After several years of experimenting with an updated bust for the copper one-cent piece, a similar Coronet design was finalized in 1839 and used on the half cent the following year. By the time he had become Chief Engraver in 1840, Gobrecht had already successfully redesigned every denomination of United States coinage.

Gobrecht was originally interred at Monument Cemetery in Philadelphia upon his death in 1844; his wife, Mary, daughter, Rebecca, and son, Charles, were all buried there later as well. In 1956, the entire family was reinterred when that cemetery was ceded to Temple University by the city. During that process, their original headstones were discarded, and replaced by a simple ground-level marker with GOBRECHT for the entire family plot. After years of neglect, the marker became overgrown and the exact location of the family's resting place was lost. Through extensive research, the plot was rediscovered in 2008 by Bill Bugert, LSCC member, renowned numismatist, and co-author of The Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Half Dollars (1993) with Randy Wiley.

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At the ceremony, Bugert shared his journey of discovering the plot to the attendees. The new gravestone marks the site for all four Gobrechts once again (see gravestone images later in this article).

Images here and on next page: The famed Gobrecht dollar of 1836 (2009.28 25)

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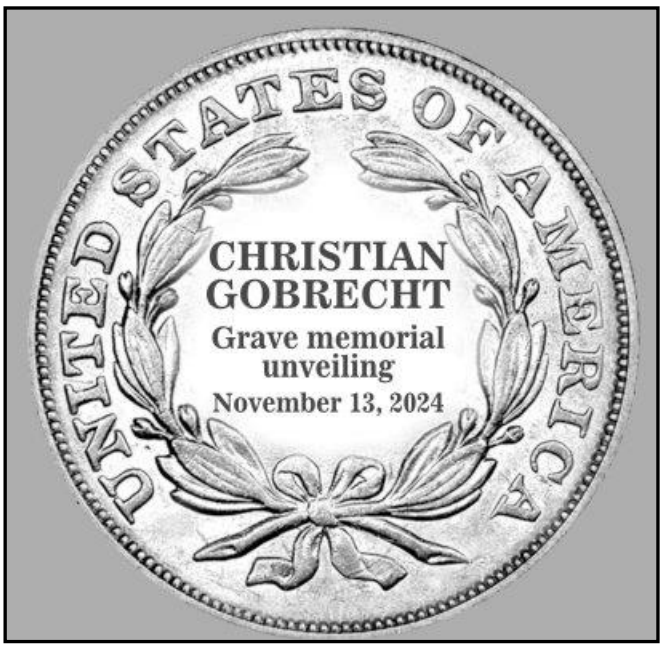
Images: Close-up of the new graveside memorial headstone for Christian Gobrecht and his family on the left and on the right
the original grave stone that was unfortunately destroyed and discarded when all the cemetery graves were moved to make way for Temple University land expansion in 1956
(original gravestone photo provided by Bill Bugert from his earlier research)



The commemorative medallion produced by ANA President Thomas J. Uram especially for the ceremony.

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In addition to Tom Uram's medal, the ANS collection contains several other pieces that commemorate Christian Gobrecht. The first was produced in 1962 by Metal Arts Company (not to be confused with the Medallic Arts Company) for the company Coin Medals. It was designed by Toivo Johnson and Robert Schabel and celebrates the creation of the Flying Eagle design, first used as the reverse of the Gobrecht dollar.

Struck in white-metal, another piece in the ANS collection was engraved by Joseph Dinardo in 1982 and commemorates the brief tenure by Gobrecht as Chief Engraver in the early 1840s.

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Lastly, the ANS collection has the complete run of local coin club medals of the Hanover Numismatic Society (HNS) between 1966 and 1980 (8 of these portray "Gobrecht" on the obverse along with his name, birth and death years, the year of production, and HNS.

Most of the reverse designs, which changed each year, replicate one of Gobrecht's designs, including his famed Gobrecht dollar and several of the medals. The MANTIS catalog contains entries for all of these pieces.

One in a series of small commemorative copper tokens issued by the Hanover Numismatic Society between 1966 and 1981. (ANS 1985.67.654)

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Regional News

by Ken Otto, Regional Team Director, LSCC #2674

The Winter/Spring Regional LSCC Program Kicked Off at FUN

The 2025 winter/spring coin show circuit has kicked off following a strong opening at the FUN show in Orlando in early January. Most collectors and dealers appeared to have a good show at FUN and this is a positive indicator of the relative strength of the rare coin market this year.

The LSCC team is participating at the Houston Money Show which is held January 17-18 at the Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Road at FM 3083, Conroe, TX. The Club table is hosted by John Frost and Ken Otto. John is making educational presentations at the show.

The Regional team will participate at the Wasatch Winter Coin Show to be held January 24-25, 2025 at the SLCC Miller Conference Center, 9750 300 West, Sandy, UT 84070. Ernie Ely will host the Club table.

The LSCC team will participate in the Knoxville Coin & Currency Show to be held on January 31-February 1 at the Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923. The Club table will be hosted by Dennis Fortier and John Frost.

The LSCC team plans to participate in the 2025 Charlotte Coin Club Annual Show on February 6-8 at the Park Expo & Conference Center, 800 Briar Creek Road, Charlotte, NC 28205. John Lundsten will host the Club table.

The next major coin show on the LSCC Regional team's calendar will be the ANA National Money Show which will be held on February 27-March 1 at the Cobb Galleria Centre, 2 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339. The Club table will be hosted by Dennis Fortier, John Frost and Ken Otto.

The Regional LSCC team will participate in the Whitman Baltimore Spring (March) Coin & Currency Expo to be held on March 27-29 at the Baltimore Convention Center, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. This is a major national show in

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early spring and the LSCC will have a major presence at this event. The Club table will be hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Joe Casazza, Ken Otto and others.

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The Regional team participated at the Winter FUN Coin Show in Orlando, FL which was held January 9-12 at the Orange County Convention Center, North/South Building, Hall NB. Overall, the attendance at the show appeared to be very good and the mood of most people involved in the coin industry was positive. Most dealers that we spoke with reported strong results during the show. The Club table was hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Ken Otto, Carl Feldman, and Joe Casazza. There was a club meeting during the event. Two new LSCC members were signed up at the FUN show along with a renewal of one former member.

A major announcement occurred during the Club meeting. Carl Feldman, Membership Chairman, was inducted into the LSCC Hall of Fame. More details about Carl's long-standing contribution to the Club will be forthcoming in the Spring Gobrecht Journal. For many years as a true ambassador for LSCC, Carl welcomed and interacted with all new members by phone. See below for the award presentation.

Carl Feldman receiving his LSCC 2024 Hall of Fame induction Award, presented by Dennis Fortier, VP

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LSCC Meeting attendees during FUN on Friday morning w/ Molly Bruner & mother Karin there for the Lane Bruner Collection Display and Interactions at the LSCC & BCCS Club tables at FUN

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In addition, John Frost brought to the show for display at the Club tables, portions of the enormous reference collection of Lane Bruner, his co-author for the Double Dimes book. "Double Dimes" is the coined title and an easier way to say "Liberty Seated 20 Cent Pieces" as commonly referred to for so many years in the common pricing guides. See images below and on next page:

Scarce 'Love Token' Double Dimes from the Lane Bruner Collection on display at the LSCC tables at FUN

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More details about the collection and display can be found in John Frost's Double Dime Review on pages 21-22.

1875-CC Double Dime stacks of slabbed examples in the Collection

Scarce 'Counter-stamped' Double Dimes from the Lane Bruner Collection also on display at FUN

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Press Release (January 4, 2025):

GFRC ONLINE AUCTIONS ANNOUNCES SALE OF LIBERTY SEATED DIME AND HALF DOLLAR SETS

GFRC Online Auctions, operated by Gerry Fortin, has announced its spring 2025 sale of the Gerry Fortin Liberty Seated dime and Newtown Liberty Seated half dollar collections. The sale will be held in three parts, with closing dates of January 26, March 29, and May 17. This will be an online event, with complete sale particulars posted at: **https://www.seateddimevarieties.com/auction.html**

Highlights of the January 26 sale include an 1874-CC dime, graded PCGS EF45 with CAC approval. The 1874-CC issue is long recognized as the key to the set, with survivors typically found in low grades or with other issues. This piece is a choice example that exhibits original surfaces with moderate golden-gray color. CAC has graded only 16 coins total. On the half dollar side, the January 26 sale features an 1850 PCGS MS65+ CAC example, the second finest coin in the CAC census. This is a scarce issue, as production of silver coinage declined in the years prior to the 1853 Coinage Act, and silver became overvalued in relation to gold. This piece is one of 28 coins certified by CAC.

1874-CC 10c, PCGS EF45 CAC, to be offered January 26, 2025, by GFRC Online Auctions

The sale of these two collections has been split into three parts, with an accessible mix of advanced and affordable material in each session. Collectors will do well to plan their bidding strategies across the three sessions. All lots for each sale are fully cataloged at the link noted above, along with reserve pricing.

Additional video commentary from Gerry Fortin on the upcoming sale is posted on YouTube at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dARmMOaiBPg

[Editor's Note]: The *E-Gobrecht* welcomes pre-sale press releases for significant offerings of Liberty Seated coinage.

Club News Bulletin: NEW LSCC WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE

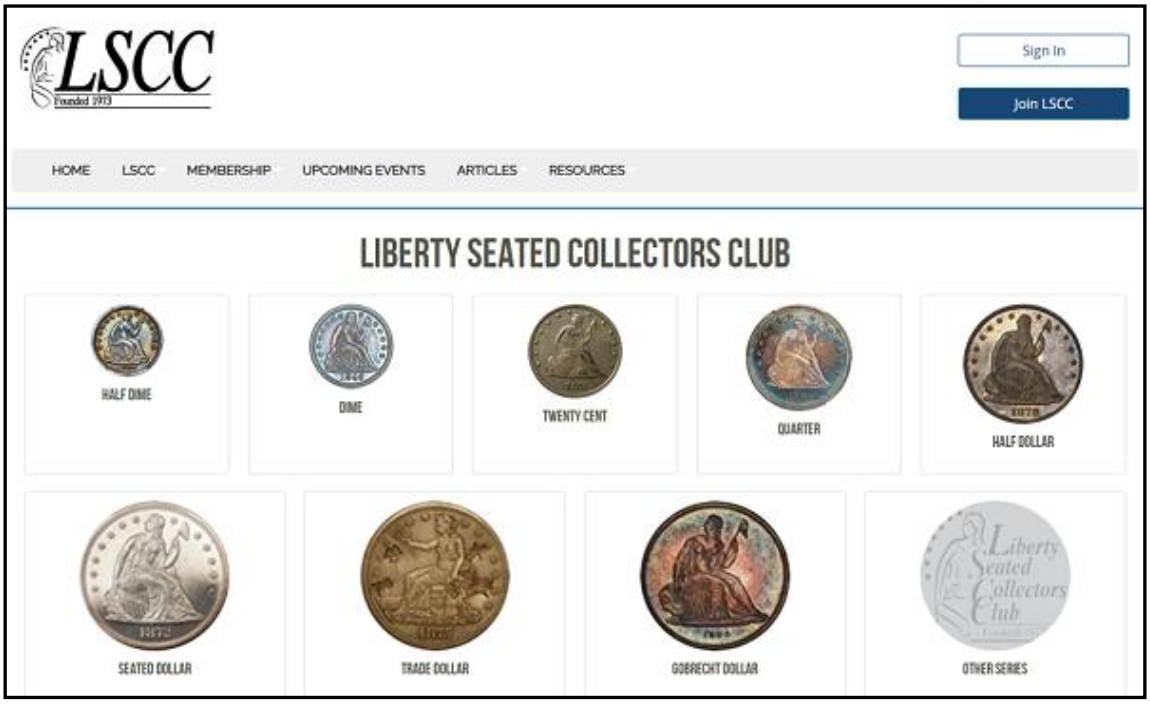
The Liberty Seated Collectors Club is proud to announce the launch of its new LSCC website, **lsccweb.org**. This two-year project was completed by a team of LSCC members and consultants, including the Moore Creative Company and Fry Archive Services.

LSCC is leading other coin clubs again with this new technology, which offers convenient, on-line dues payment. You can now pay your dues by following the prompts, which will avoid long delays and miscommunication. Please help keep our administrative costs down and push the easy button --- pay your dues on-line!

In addition to renewing your dues, as an LSCC member, you can explore approximately half of the *Gobrecht Journal* articles that have been published over the last 50 years. These articles are conveniently indexed by date, denomination, and topic. You can search for a specific date and mintmark, varieties, or past collections that have been showcased in the *Gobrecht Journal*.

Even if you do not owe dues at this time, you can still vote for the LSCC Literary Awards and Club Officers using the website. Award voting is typically very close, and, in more than one case, awards have been decided by a single vote. Make your vote count!

We are pleased to offer these new services to the members, and thank you for your continued support of LSCC! **The website Home page is shown below.**



Press Release (January 12, 2025): **Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society Invites Applications for Newman Grants**

The Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society (EPNNES) announces the opening of the application period for the 2025 Newman Grant program. Newman Grants are designed to financially assist numismatic authors and organizations pursuing original research in American numismatics. This program was launched in 2019 and supports research projects related to colonial numismatics, U.S. federal coinage, counterfeit detection and other areas.

Authors, researchers, and numismatic organizations are encouraged to apply for amounts between $1,000 and $5,000. Awards may be applied toward related research costs including but not limited to photography, reproduction of research material and graphic art services, database access fees, and travel.

Electronic publications will be preferred as EPNNES wishes to direct funds toward expenses specifically related to numismatic research, rather than the print publication of research. Newman Grant awardees agree to non-exclusive publication of their research on the Newman Numismatic Portal (NewmanPortal.org). EPNNES intends to make approximately half a dozen grants in 2025.

The Newman Grant program is administered for EPNNES by the Newman Numismatic Portal (NNP). Applications may be found on the Newman Numismatic Portal at: https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/archivedetail/530553?Year=2025, and should be submitted to NNPCurator@wustl.edu. The application deadline is **April 15, 2025**, with the grant awards to be announced on May 25, 2025, coincident with the late Eric P. Newman's birthday.

It is the hope of EPNNES that this program will continue the legacy of Eric P. Newman in a way that would reflect his high standards for numismatic research.

ANA Summer Seminar 2025 — New Class!

The Liberty Seated Collectors Club (LSCC) and the Barber Coin Collectors' Society (BCCS) will be offering a new class during Session 1 at the 2025 ANA Summer Seminar, June 21-26, in Colorado Springs:

The New Orleans Mint Coinage and its History

This course will cover the coins and the history of the New Orleans Mint from its origin in 1835 to its final closure in 1909. The silver and gold coins produced at the New Orleans Mint are comparable to the Philadelphia Mint both in type and quantity. From arduous early days marked by epidemics and deaths, a struggle to mint coins with limited dies being stored in tropical conditions, to changing hands three times during the Civil War, its complicated history is written in its coins. The course will include discussions of the 40 (or so) types of New Orleans coins, individual dates, major varieties, hands-on attribution exercises, and grading discussions.

Instructors: **Craig Eberhart (LSCC Secretary), Len Augsburger (LSCC President) and John Frost (BCCS President).**

This class should fill up quickly. Sign up today at: money.org/summer-seminar

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Try out the new LSCC Website! by John Lundsten

NEWS BULLETIN: See page 41 as the new LSCC Website is now LIVE!

The new LSCC website has gone fully active. It was demonstrated at the ANA during the Club meeting. This new website can be accessed from the existing LSCC website (Membership/Payments) or http://lscc.tempdevlocation.com. The new website allows members to verify the expiration date of their LSCC membership, renew your membership and receive instant verification.

LSCC New Website & Member Application is at: http://www.lsccweb.org

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Spring 2025 - February 1st
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LSCC 2025 Regional Events Calendar

January 17-18 Houston Money Show, Lone Star Convention Center, Conroe, TX - Club table hosted by John Frost and Ken Otto.

January 24-25 Wasatch Winter Coin Show, SLCC Miller Conference Center, Sandy, UT - Club table hosted by Ernie Ely.

January 31-February 1 Knoxville Coin & Currency Show, Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, Knoxville, TN - Club table hosted by Dennis Fortier and John Frost.

February 6-8 Charlotte Coin Club Annual Show, Park Expo & Conference Center, Charlotte, NC - Club table hosted by John Lundsten.

February 27-March 1 ANA National Money Show, Cobb Galleria Centre, Atlanta, GA - Club table hosted by Dennis Fortier, John Frost and Ken Otto.

March 27-29 Whitman Spring Baltimore Coin & Currency Expo, Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD - Club meeting on Friday at 9 am, Educational program & Club table hosted by a large contingent of LSCC officers and members TBD.

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***** More event details and addresses of show locations are in Ken Otto's Regional Report starting on page 35. Also see either or both the LSCC/BCCS websites.**

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Liberty Seated Collectors Club Mission

To encourage, promote, and dispense numismatic knowledge of Liberty Seated coins; to cultivate fraternal relations among its members and all those interested in the science of numismatics.

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LSCC Membership Information: Dues are bargain priced at $30 per year and include 3 packed issues of The *Gobrecht Journal*, an award winning numismatic publication printed in glossy, full color. To join the Liberty Seated Collectors Club, for *Gobrecht Journal* mailing address changes, or for other membership questions, please correspond with Craig Eberhart, LSCC Secretary listed on this page.

Articles, comments, or advertisements for publication in *The Gobrecht Journal* magazine may be addressed to Greg Johnson, Gobrecht Journal Publication Editor.

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Sharing information is a goal of this newsletter and you need not be an experienced writer to submit material of interest to others. "This is your monthly digital publication. It is what you make of it!"

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